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SUBJECT: PRE-IG REVIEW OF FY 77-78 CHILE CASP

REF: SANTIAGO 6865

1. PRE-IG MET ON JULY 29 TO REVIEW CHILE CASP SUBMISSION AND REACHED MAJOR DECISIONS SUMMARIZED IN FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH. AS NO DISAGREEMENT WAS RECORDED OVER SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS, CHILE CASP WILL BE SUBMITTED TO IG FOR APPROVAL WITHOUT FORMAL IG MEETING, IN FORM AGREED UPON AT PRE-IG DELIBERATIONS.

2. PRE-IG CHANGED DISCUSSION OF RESUMPTION U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO GOC ON PAGE 28, PARAGRAPH FOUR TO READ AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. THE EXECUTIVE HAS NOT INCLUDED A REQUEST FOR FOREIGN MILITARY SALES CREDITS OR GRANT TRAINING FUNDS
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IN EITHER THE FY 1976 OR 1977 BUDGET SUBMISSIONS TO

CONGRESS. THE CONGRESS HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE ADMINISTRATION SUPPORTS THE CONTINUATION OF FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ON A CASH BASIS, COMMERCIAL SALES, AND DELIVERY OF ITEMS IN THE PIPELINE. SECTION 406, PUBLIC LAW 94-329, 30 JUNE 1976, EFFECTIVELY TERMINATED NEW SECURITY ASSISTANCE INITIATIVES PERTAINING TO CHILE FOR FY 1976-1977 UNQUOTE. FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES

MADE BY PRE-IG ALL PERTAIN TO SANTIAGO REFTEL CITED ABOVE. PRE-IG ADDED FOLLOWING STATEMENT TO END OF FIRST PARAGRAPH, PAGE 2 OF SECTION 2 OF REFTEL: QUOTE. AT THE SAME TIME, THIS DEVELOPMENT WILL REDUCE CHILE'S POLITICAL ISOLATION WHICH HERETOFORE HAS BEEN A SOURCE OF US LEVERAGE UNQUOTE. PRE-IG DELETED REMAINDER OF PARAGRAPH 2, PAGE 3 OF SECTION 2 FOLLOWING LINE 8, INSERTING FOLLOWING STATEMENT: QUOTE OUR CURRENT ATTITUDE AND REVIEW OUR HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY WITH RESPECT TO CHILE. IF PROGRESS HAS BEEN UNSATISFACTORY OR UNREASONABLY SLOW, ADDITIONAL MEASURES CAN BE CONTEMPLATED. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL, IN THE EVENT ANY FURTHER MEASURES OR APPROACHES TO THE CHILEANS ARE UNDERTAKEN, TO BE ABLE TO POINT TO PARALLEL ACTION WE ARE TAKING WITH OTHER STATES GUILTY OF HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES. BUT EACH CASE MUST BE CONSIDERED ON ITS OWN SEPARATE MERITS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE TOTALITY OF US INTERESTS IN THE COUNTRY IN QUESTION, THE POTENTIAL EFFICACY OF US ACTION, THE TREND OF US INFLUENCE AND THE DEGREE OF RESPONSIBILITY THE US IS PERCEIVED TO HAVE FOR INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS. IN THE CASE OF CHILE, ALL THESE FACTORS ARGUE FOR A MONITORING PROCESS WHICH IS BOTH TIMELY AND INQUISITIVE. UNQUOTE FINALLY, PRE-IG ADDED FOLLOWING TO END OF THIRD PARAGRAPH, PAGE 2 OF SECTION 2 OF REFTEL: QUOTE. OUR LEVERAGE OVER CHILE IN THIS REGARD IS ALSO ENHANCED AT PRESENT BY OUR INFLUENCE OVER PRIVATE SECTOR AND PARIS CLUB DECISIONS REGARDING INVESTMENTS, CREDITS AND DEBT RELIEF TO THAT COUNTRY. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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